

A special meeting of the Amherst Town Council, organized under the authority of the Mayor, was called to order by Mayor D. Dwayne Tuggle on November 1, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall 174 S. Main Street. Council members Andr  Higginbotham, Kenneth S. Watts, Kenneth G. Bunch, and Rachel A. Carton were present. Council member Mark A. Stinnett was absent. Interim Town Manager Peter Huber, and Clerk of Council Vicki Hunt were present.

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was followed by an invocation given by Andr  Higginbotham.

Mayor Tuggle opened the floor for citizen comments. No comments were made.

Mayor Tuggle spoke before Council stating that he wanted to commend Council for its efforts in the process to bring in a new chief and that the citizens should be proud of the Council they have in place. He also stated he is proud to be the Mayor.

Mr. Watts made the following motion at 6:35 P.M., which was seconded by Mr. Higginbotham and carried 4-0-1 with Mrs. Carton and Messrs. Higginbotham, Bunch and Watts voting in favor. Mr. Stinnett was absent: I move that the Town Council go into closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711A.1 of the Code of Virginia as it relates to the hiring of a police chief.

Mr. Watts made the following motion at approximately 6:55 P.M, which was seconded by Mrs. Carton and carried 4-0-1 with Mrs. Carton and Messrs. Bunch, Higginbotham and Watts voting in favor and Mr. Stinnett absent: I move that the Town Council return to open session.

Mr. Watts made the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Carton and carried 4-0-1 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Carton and Messrs. Bunch, Higginbotham and Watts voting in favor and Mr. Stinnett absent certifying that to the best of each councilors' knowledge that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Title 2.2, Chapter 37 and §15.2-2907 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the session.

Mr. Bunch made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Carton to appoint Robert A. Shiflett, II, the Police Chief. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Mrs. Carton and Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham and Bunch voting "Aye" and Mr. Stinnett absent.

Mayor Tuggle welcomed Robert Shiflett and his wife, Holly, to the Town of Amherst and presented him with the Town pin.

Mrs. Carton made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Watts to authorize Vicki Hunt to proceed with approval and permit process for a Town holiday banner, with a design agreed upon by Council, to be installed at the standard location over Route 29 Business, S. Main Street. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Mrs. Carton and Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham and Bunch, voting "Aye" and Mr. Stinnett absent.

Mayor Tuggle opened the floor to citizen comments. No comments were made.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:12 PM on a motion by Mrs. Carton, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham.

D. Dwayne Tuggle
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

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